Due: Wed. Sept 20

HMC Math 142 Fall 2017

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Problem Set 3

Start this assignment before Sunday night!

Read:

- Baby Do Carmo, Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces: Sections 1-6, 1-7, Chapter 1
- Handout 3
- Lecture Notes

Do:

A: Problems on Reviewing of Orthogonal transformations, Rotations, Reflections and Rigid Motions in R^n.

- a) Problem 6 on page 23, Section 1-5, Baby Do Carmo.

B: Problems from Lectures

- a) (Extra Credit: If you are familiar with groups) Show SO(n) is a group with respect to the usual matrix multiplication. (Later, we will see that SO(n) is in fact a Lie group.)
- b) (Extra Credit:) Show that the mirror reflection τ (as defined in the lecture) is an orthogonal transformation and $\tau^2 = id$, where id is the identity transformation.

C: Other Problems
Finish the two problems covered in class

- a) Show that the shortest path between two points p and q is the straight line segment.
- b) Assume that all normals of a parametrized curve pass through a fixed point. Prove that the trace of the curve is contained in a circle.

Choose 3 problems out of following problems:

- a) Problem 1 on page 22, Section 1-5, Baby Do Carmo.
- b) Problem 2 on page 22, Section 1-5, Baby Do Carmo.
- c) Problem 5 on page 23, Section 1-5, Baby Do Carmo.
- d) Problem 12 on page 25, Section 1-5, Baby Do Carmo.